

Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

PASS TREAS AND FRB

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN, SZ
SUBJECT: DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE

1. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE AGAINST SF CLOSED FEB 24
IN ZURICH AT NEW RECORD LOW OF SF 1.7720, COMPARED
OPENING RATE SF 1.7850 AND OPENING RATE FEB 23 OF
SF 1.8230. MARKET WAS EXTREMELY HECTIC. SWISS
NATL BANK FOREX ROOM REQUIRED 45 MINUTES AFTER
4 P.M. CLOSING FEB 24 TO CALCULATE FORWARD DISCOUNT
AND OTHER RATES FOR THE DAY.

2. AGEFI FEB 24 REPORTED DEALERS ATTRIBUTED FURTHER
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DOLLAR DECLINE TO VARIOUS FACTORS: USG "WEAKNESS"
IN NOT TAKING FIRM ACTION ON US COAL STRIKE;
"NONCHALANCE" OF FEB IN NOT INTERVENING VIGOROUSLY
TO SUPPORT DOLLAR; CONTRADICTORY REPORTS ABOUT
AMOUNTS OF SNB INTERVENTIONS; AND APPREHENSION ABOUT
POSSIBLE US JANUARY TRADE DEFICIT OF \$5 BILLION.

3. AGEFI EDITORIAL FEB 24 NOTED WHITE HOUSE DENIAL
OF "BARRON'S" REPORT OF RUMORED US PLANS TO INTRODUCE
EXCHANGE CONTROLS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. STATED
"WHERE THERE IS SMOKE THERE MUST BE FIRE". AGEFI
QUESTIONED ABILITY OF US ADMINISTRATION TO SET UP
EXCHANGE CONTROLS AND EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST \$400
BILLION LIQUIDITY ON INTL MARKETS.

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